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The reply brief filed 12/10/07 has been entered and considered. As the Examiner does not find the reply brief persuasive, the application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

  
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